

~~the at least one particulate phase and in the matrix phase.--~~

REMARKS

New claims 7-10, replace original claims 1-4, respectively. It is believed that the new claims more clearly define the subject matter of applicants' invention, in accordance with U.S. practice. The embodiment of new claim 1 is described on page 2, lines 7-9, of the specification.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected by the examiner under 35 USC 102(c) as being anticipated by Knight et al. Presumably, the examiner intended paragraph (e) of Section 102 as the basis for his rejection. Applicants assert that the instant claims do not read on the disclosure of Knight et al. as the instant claims require that the at least one particulate phase be incorporated into the matrix phase in the absence of water. This embodiment of the invention is disclosed on page 8, lines 27-28 of the specification. In sharp contrast, Knight et al., at col. 5, lines 19-43, state that:

Preferably, the composition contains water in less than the minimum amount required to dissolve all the amylaceous solid material, that is the composition contains less than about 50% by weight of water. More preferably, the composition comprises from about 2% to about 30% by weight of water...

Clearly, water is a requirement of the Knight et al. composition, which is neither anticipatory of nor suggestive of the instant invention as claimed. Applicants therefore request that the rejection of claims 1-6, as amended to claims 5, 6 and 7-10, as anticipated by Knight et al. be withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendment and remarks, applicants submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Early action to this end is solicited.

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